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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: LESOTHO REFUGEE REPORT NO. 3

REF: A. STATE 39794, B. MASERU 0208, C. MASERU 0286, D. MASERU 0368

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. LITTLE CHANGE IN SITUATION SINCE LAST LESOTHO REFUGEE REPORT. SOME NEW INFORMATION AND FIGURES ELICITED DURING VISIT OF AID CONSULTANT ALAN VAN EGMONT. GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO, UNIVERSITY, AND LOCAL VOLAGS CONTINUE TO COPE WITH REFUGEE SITUATION IN GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE FASHION. END SUMMARY.

2. ALAN VAN EGMONT REPORTED THAT HE WAS INFORMED \$100,000 AAI CONTRIBUTION FOR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO (NUL) WILL BE SPLIT \$70,000 TO ASSIST WITH DORM CONSTRUCTION AND \$30,000 FOR  
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FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS. HE ALSO WAS INFORMED BY A DONOR SOURCE IN MASERU THAT NUL MAY ADMIT 60 MORE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR (SEPT 77).

3. CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER (MINED) INFORMED VON EGMONT THAT PUPILS OF SOUTH AFRICAN ORIGIN IN LESOTHO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS NUMBER 1,000 AND 1,300 RESPECTIVELY. EMBASSY BELIEVES

THESE FIGURES NOT VERY RELIABLE, HOWEVER, AND ARE PROBABLY ONLY A MORE CONSERVATIVE GUESS THAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN GIVEN HERETOFORE. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS NOT DONE A SYSTEMATIKC CENSUS OF FOREIGN STUDENTS (OR OF ITS OWN FOR THAT MATTER) AND PROBABLY HASN'T THE CAPABILITY OF DOING SO. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE GOVT IS COPING WITH FOREIGN STUDENT PROBLEM AT PRIMARY/SECONDARY LEVEL THOUGH POSSIBLY AT SOME COST TO QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN TERMS OF FURTHER OVERCROWDING, ETC. UNHCR AS REPORTED REF B HAS PLEDGED R10,000 WHICH (AT LEAST IN PART) IS BEING DISBURSED BY GOL AS BURSARIES FOR FOREIGN SCHOOL PUPILS.

4. IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO IN COPING WITH FOREIGN STUDENT INFLUX, VAN EGMONT FOUND MOST USEFUL EFFORT WOULD BE FIRST IN SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE (E.G. AAI ASSISTANCE TO NUL AND UNHCR FUNDS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT BURSARIES) AND, SECONDLY, IN BUILDING ADDITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL FACILITIES TO ALLEVIATE ADDITIONAL OVERCROWDING CAUSED BY FOREIGN STUDENTS AS WELL AS TO REDUCE THE VERY LARGE NUMBER (3,500 TO 4,000 OR MORE THAN 50 PER CENT EACH YEAR) OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS WHO ARE UNABLE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO SECONDARY EDUCATION DUE TO LACK OF SPACE.  
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